REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant acknowledges, with thanks, the office action dated January 26, 2009, and completion of the personal interview of March 11, 2009. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, and 11 are currently pending.

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, and 11 were rejected to under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,407,820 to Hansen et al. (*hereinafter,* "Hansen"), in view of US Patent No. 7,088,462 to Bhogal et al. (*hereinafter,* "Bhogal"), and in further view of US Patent Publication No. 2004/0184105 to Ferlitsch.

As discussed during the Interview, Ferlitch was published on September 23, 2004 on an application filed March 21, 2003. The Applicants conceived of the subject application at least as early as December, 2002. An affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131 demonstrating conception, reduction to practice and diligence is filed contemporaneously herewith. In light if such showing, it is submitted that the subject claims are not anticipated or obvious over the combination. Notwithstanding, additional clarification has been made to render more clear the novelty of the subject application.

An embodiment of the subject application is directed to a system and method for printing electronic files. An electronic file representative of a document is received as well as a print instruction via an application associated with the electronic file. A print driver is enabled corresponding to at least one associated document output device in accordance with the received print instructions, and a user is prompted, via the print driver, for print setting information corresponding to the electronic file, the printer finishing configuration setting information including at least one of a desired property including stapling, hole punching, output destination, number of copies, orientation, collating, and finishing. In a typical document rendering, such settings are subject to a default setting in a driver, which default setting may be altered in connection with a particular print job. A subsequent re-printing of that job will result in reinstitution of default settings, which may be different than those customized settings used previously. Alternatively, a default setting may be altered, resulting in different settings for subsequent print jobs that are unrelated. The printer finishing configuration setting information data is generated, appended to the electronic file as printer job language commands, communicated with the electronic file to the document output device, and stored in storage of the

document output device. The printer finishing configuration setting information data is associatively stored with the electronic file such that a subsequent recall of the electronic file automatically retrieves print setting information data associated therewith. The electronic file is converted to an image file, and a print job is created in accordance with the image file and the print setting information data. A user selects a print job for output to at least one selected destination, the at least one selected destination including at least one of a printed copy of the document, an electronic mail inclusive of the image file, and an electronic copy of the image file. At least a first copy of the image file is output, via the at least one document output device, in accordance with received output request data. A list of previously printed documents is displayed and a second output request is received from the user to output at least a second output of the electronic file from the displayed list. The electronic file and the associatively stored print setting information are retrieved from the storage in accordance with such request, and at least a second copy of the electronic file is output.

As discussed during the Interview, the subject application teaches a system that advantageously facilitates placement of configuration information into storage on a document output device while communicating the relevant instruction via printer job language ("PJL"). This facilitates interaction, by way of example, between a workstation and a printer with embedded storage such that a document need only be submitted via a printer driver. The printer, having sufficient intelligence to decode the PJL, will intercept the settings and archive them in their local storage. A subsequent review of the printer storage, such as via a web-based client, will allow for immediate selection of a previous job for reprinting, for which reprint operation the previous settings submitted via PJL will be available for reuse. This is convenient since printer drivers are frequently supplied by the manufacture of a document processing device such as a printer, wherein such PJL commands may be programmed to be mutually understood.

Amendment has been made to each of independent claims 1 and 7 to further include limitations relative to the PJL communication and selection of previously printed jobs for reprinting along with a reuse of the prior settings.

In accordance with the afore-noted amendments and comments, it is submitted that all claims are patentably distinct over the art, and in condition for allowance thereover. An early allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 66329/00008.

Respectfully submitted,

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